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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 0800 EDT)

1. [REDACTED] that sniper fire against Marines guarding the US Embassy has continued, resulting in another Marine being killed and one wounded. No new information on the situation in the Dominican interior has been reported. [REDACTED]

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2. General York's assessment of the situation (as of 2000 EDT last night) states that the loyalist forces (who are estimated as numbering about 1,000) face a determined enemy willing to fight using the techniques of trained guerrillas. Friendly forces, on the other hand, appear to be without strong leadership, particularly at the top echelon, and are operating through a junta, which delays decision-making. Loyalist morale has noticeably improved since the arrival of additional US forces, but to win out in city fighting with such reduced forces appears beyond the loyalists' present capability. General York concluded that if the rebels were to be subdued, it would have to be done almost entirely by US forces.

3. Former US Ambassador Martin, whose persuasion of Bosch by telephone yesterday was an important factor in obtaining rebel leaders' signatures to the cease-fire agreement, has some pertinent observations on the present situation. He notes that when he arrived in the Dominican Republic in 1961 after the assassination of Trujillo, he found it a shattered country, but now it is one in disintegration. He reports that Antonio Imbert, who is one of the two surviving assassins of Trujillo, is convinced that rebel

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leader Colonel Caamano has literally gone crazy. Imbert says there was less shooting last night and feels that the presence of the US forces is causing some rebels to surrender and others to hide their arms.

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